

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation into TALK AMERICA, INC.,
formerly Talk.com Holding Corporation,
formerly Tel-Save, Inc. (U-5289-C and U-5535-C)
to determine whether it has violated the laws,
rules, and regulations governing the manner in
which California subscribers are switched from
one presubscribed carrier to another.

Investigation 01-08-003
(Filed August 2, 2001)

**RULING OF ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
JUDGE MODIFYING SCHEDULE PREVIOUSLY SET IN
SEPTEMBER 17, 2001 SCOPING MEMO**

1. Schedule Modification

On October 15, 2001, counsel for the Commission's Consumer Services Division (CSD) sent me a memo containing a stipulation between CSD and respondent Talk America, Inc. for a modification of the schedule set forth in the September 17, 2001 scoping memo. The primary reason supporting CSD's requested schedule modification is that its investigator Stephanie Amato has retired from the Commission, and its new investigator, Dao Phan, needs more time to become acquainted with the case and to complete discovery. CSD proposes to change the dates for serving testimony and cross-examination, but does not propose to change the dates of the second prehearing conference or evidentiary hearings. Talk America has stipulated to CSD's proposed changes. For good cause, the following revised schedule is adopted.

Event	Date
CSD serves proposed testimony	Friday, November 2, 2001
Respondent Talk serves proposed testimony	Tuesday, December 18, 2001
CSD serve proposed rebuttal testimony	Thursday, January 3, 2002
Cross-examination estimates served on the ALJ and parties	Wednesday, January 9, 2002 (sent in such a manner that the ALJ and parties receive the cross-examination estimates no later than January 7. ALJ Econome's fax number is 415/703-1494 and e-mail address is jjj@cpuc.ca.gov).
Prehearing Conference (no change)	Thursday, January 10, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., San Francisco, California
Evidentiary hearings (no change)	Monday, January 14 through Wednesday, January 23, 2002, in San Francisco, commencing 10:00 a.m., on January 14, and at 9:00 a.m. thereafter
Parties file concurrent opening briefs (no change)	Thursday, February 14, 2002
Parties file concurrent reply briefs/case submitted (no change)	Friday, March 1, 2002
Presiding officer's decision due (no change)	No later than Tuesday, April 30, 2002

IT IS RULED that the schedule set forth in the September 17, 2001 scoping memo is modified as set forth in this ruling.

Dated October 9, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GEOFFREY F. BROWN

Geoffrey F. Brown
Assigned Commissioner

/s/ JANET A. ECONOME

Janet A. Econome
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Ruling of Assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge Modifying Schedule Previously Set in September 17, 2001 Scoping Memo on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 9, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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